

United Ulster History Forum

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106811

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-08-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of all areas and its environs (hereinafter described as the "area of benefit") without distinction of age, sex, race, political, religious or other opinion. It will so do by associating the statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance historical education an historical background and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, and history education, recreation or other leisure-time outings occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; To establish a community development initiative and to co operate with other relevant organisations (or UUFs) in the promotion of activities by the United Ulster History Forum and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects to advance knowledge and appreciation of the Ulster-Scots language and culture and to encourage understanding and acceptance of all indigenous cultures to the area of benefit.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Community development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Older people,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£3,648	£4,302	£0	0
2024-12-31	£2,566	£2,121	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jim Galloway		
Mr Glenn Thompson		
Mr John Palmer		
Mr Mark Anthony Thompson		
Mr Nicholas Gilmore		
Mr William Carlile		

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Accounts

UNITED ULSTER HISTORY FORUM

ACCOUNTS BALANCE SHEET

FROM: 01/01/25 TO: 31/12/25

DATE	TRANSACTION	PAYMENT METHOD CHEQUE/CASH	AMOUNT RECEIVED	AMOUNT SPENT	BALANCE
04/02/25	PAY MARK THOMPSON / Tom Cooney's ^{REST OF} UNIT.	CHEQUE 149		\$ 400.00	\$ 3341.66
18/02/25	PAY MARK THOMPSON / DOMINIQUE HOTEL DUBLIN TRIP.	CHEQUE 151		\$ 452.00	\$ 2889.66
24/02/25	BALYMORRE SOUTH COMMUNITY Co-OP VEHICLE HIRE	CHEQUE 153		\$ 80.00	\$ 2809.66
25/02/25	SIMON McFERRAN WEB - HOSTING	CHEQUE 150		\$ 50.00	\$ 2759.66
25/02/25	CONCH CONNECTIONS DUBLIN TRIP.	CHEQUE 152		\$ 600.00	\$ 2159.66
10/03/25	BANK NOTIFIED FEE	DIRECT FROM ACCOUNT		\$ 29.75	\$ 2129.91
7/03/25	BILLY THOMPSON 2 X MANNEDQUIN'S	CHEQUE 155		\$ 1200.00	\$ 929.91
15/4/25	STEVE HILTARIA DEALER FROM BANGOR (MANNEDQUIN'S)	CHEQUE 156	\$ 608.80	\$ 550.00	\$ 988.71
23/4/25	AND BC RUNNING COSTS	BANK TRANSFER	\$ 900.00		\$ 1888.71
30/5/25	3 V&E DAY DISPLAYS \$300 X 3	LODGEMENT		\$ 29.60	\$ 1859.11
10/7/25	BANK NOTIFIED FEES	DIRECT FROM ACCOUNT			\$ 3699.11
3/7/25	BONFIRE MONEY	BANK TRANSFER	\$ 1840.00		\$ 3609.11
14/8/25	FOLLS INSURANCE	CHEQUE 157		\$ 90.00	\$ 3509.11
20/8/25	NICKY GILMORE (BONFIRE TOPY)	CHEQUE 158		\$ 100.00	\$ 3465.65
10/9/25	BANK NOTIFIED FEES	DIRECT FROM ACCOUNT		\$ 43.46	\$ 2865.65
21/10/25	BILLY THOMPSON 1 X MANNEDQUIN	CHEQUE 159		\$ 600.00	\$ 3165.65
10/11/25	ONE DISPLAY CLOUGHIEY CHURCH	LODGEMENT	\$ 300.00		\$ 3115.65
4/12/25	HALF WAY HOUSE DEPOSIT	CHEQUE 160		\$ 50.00	\$ 3087.85
31/12/25	BANK NOTIFIED FEES	DIRECT FROM ACCOUNT		\$ 27.80	\$ 3087.85
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Mark Thompson Treasurer 20/02/26
 N. Gilmore Chair 20/02/26

Signed: Seánic McKeever
 Date: 20/2/26

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From 01.01.24- 31.12.24

Date	Transaction	Payment Method	Amount Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance
	Opening Balance as at 01.01.24				3,296.71
05.02.24	Simon McFerran Web Hosting	Cheque 141		50.00	3,246.71
06.02.24	Ballywalter YCC Meeting Venue Hire	Cheque 142		100.00	3,146.71
09.02.24	Tom Colwell Storage Unit Rental	Cheque 143		400.00	2,746.71
03.04.24	Belfray Country Inn Cultural Expression Project	Cheque 145		462.55	2,284.16
27.03.24	Coach Connections Cultural Expression Project	Cheque 146		575.00	1,709.16
28.03.24	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from account		27.85	1,681.31
09.04.24	Ards & North Down Borough Council Running Costs Grant	Bacs payment	765.20		2,446.51
12.04.24	Ards & North Down Borough Council Cultural Grant	Bacs payment	281.95		2,728.46
10.06.24	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		26.90	2,701.56
25.07.24	Ards & North Down Borough Council Cultural Grant	Bacs payment	1,519.00		4,220.56
10.09.24	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		25.00	4,195.56
28.10.24	Coach Connections Somme Centre Kirkistown PS	Cheque 148		245.00	3,950.56
28.10.24	Somme Centre Viusit Kirkistown PS	Cheque 147		182.00	3,768.56
10.10.24	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from account		26.90	3,741.66

This is the forgoing financial statement from the books, records, and bank statements as 31 December 2024

Mark Thompson 15/02/25
 Mark Thompson
 Treasurer

Nicky Gilmore
 Nicky Gilmore
 Chairperson
 15-02-25

Sandra Henderson
 Sandra Henderson
 Independent Examiner
 15/2/25

Independently examined by
 County Down Rural Community Network
 Signed: *Sandra Henderson*
 Date: *15/2/25*

Date:

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From 01.01.23 -31.12.23

Date	Transaction	Payment Method Cheque/Cash	Amount Received	Amount Paid Out	Balance
	Opening Balance as at 01.01.23				2,630.61
05/01/2023	Thomas Colwell Storage facilities	Cheque 125		400.00	2,230.61
11/01/2023	Simon McFerran Web Hosting	Cheque 126		50.00	2,180.61
11/01/2023	Ballywalter Youth & Community Venue Hire	Cheque 127		80.00	2,100.61
06/03/2023	Display Item WW1	Cheque 130		174.00	1,926.61
24/02/2022	Display Item Mannequin	Cheque 131		244.00	1,682.61
27/03/2023	Display Item Jackson Wooden Cross	Cheque 137		80.00	1,602.61
06/04/2023	Ards & North Down Borough Council Running Costs Grant	Bacs payment	613.70		2,216.31
31/03/2023	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		29.75	2,186.56
17/04/2023	Cultural Expression Grant	Bacs payment	445.00		2,631.56
17/04/2023	Cultural Expression Grant	Bacs payment	405.00		3,036.56
08/06/2023	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		32.60	3,003.96
08/09/2023	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		25.00	2,978.96
19/06/2023	Ards & North Down Borough Council Grant	Bacs payment	595.00		3,573.96
03/07/2023	Ards & Grant North Down Borough Council	Bacs payment	650.60		4,224.56
30/10/2023	Exhibition Display Items	Cheque 138		600.00	3,624.56
08/12/2023	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		27.85	3,596.91
10/11/2023	Coach Connections	Cheque 139		200.00	3,396.71
10/11/2023	Kirkistown Pipe Band	Cheque 140		100.00	3,296.71

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Mark Thompson
 Mark Thompson
 Treasurer
 Date: *11/12/23*

Nicky Gilmore
 Nicky Gilmore
 Chairperson
 05/02/2024

Sandra Henderson
 Sandra Henderson
 Independent Examiner
 5/12/24

County Down Rural Community Networks

Signed: *Sandra Henderson*

Date: *5/12/24*

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Annual report

CHAIRPERSON'S 2023
REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

The group met nine times throughout the year and were represented at several Remembrance Day events on the Ards Peninsula in November

We were successful with an application to Ards & North Down Borough Council for running costs to sustain the group which allows us to pay for insurance, storage facilities and venue hire, and cover bank fees. A letter of offer has been received for the running costs for 2024-2025. These running costs are vital to the sustainability of the group.

Through the Cultural Expression Programme, we held a three-day Memorabilia and Militaria Exhibition was held in Ballywalter Village Hall on 8th, 9th & 10th November with guest speakers which was extremely well attended and very positive, encouraging feedback from the community

Michael Nugent gave an excellent presentation on "The Ulster & Irish Divisions at the Battle of Langemarck

Kirkistown Primary School & Ballywalter Primary School visited the exhibition with members of UUHF in attendance to guide them through the exhibition and talk to the children about the First World War. The children also had an opportunity to a hands-on session with the artefacts on display.

In March, United Ulster History Forum members travelled to Derry Walls and member Jim Galloway gave a firsthand talk on the history of the walls. Everyone who had participated in the visit agreed that it was a worthwhile experience.

Nicky reiterated that every member has a role to play within the group and thanked them for their dedication throughout the year. He also thanked the secretary, treasurer, and vice chair for their duties as office bearers.

Nicky Gilmore

Chairperson

17.05.24

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of UNITED ULSTER HISTORY FORUM

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31.12.2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Sandra Henderson

Relevant professional qualification or body: County Down Rural Community Network

Address: 43-45 Frances Street, Newtownards, Co Down, BT23 7DX

Date: 08.02.24

United Ulster History Forum

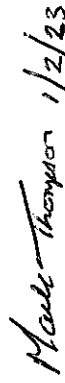
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05/01/2022	Thomas Colwell Storage facilities	Cheque 118		400.00	3,484.11
10/01/2022	Simon McFerran Web Hosting	Cheque 120		50.00	3,434.11
27/01/2022	The Federation of Ulster Local Studies	Cheque 117		25.00	3,409.11
15/02/2022	Ballywalter Youth & Community Venue Hire	Cheque 119		80.00	3,329.11
24/02/2022	Billy Dowie Purchase of sword	Cheque 121		600.00	2,729.11
10/03/2022	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		29.75	2,699.36
20/05/2022	The Federation of Ulster Local Studies	Cheque 122		15.00	2,684.36
08/09/2022	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		27.80	2,656.56
08/12/2022	Bank Notified Fees	Direct from Account		25.95	2,630.61

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Signed:  1/2/23
 Mark Thompson
 Treasurer

 1/2/23
 Nicky Gilmore
 Chairperson

 1/2/23
 Sandra Henderson
 Independent Examiner

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County Down Rural Community Network

Signed: 

Date: 1/2/23

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Chairperson's Report 2021:

Nicky reported that due Government Covid 19 regulations regarding meetings having changed it is good to get back to normal monthly meetings.

Due to Covid 19 the school trips to the Somme did not take place.

The two NI Centenary exhibitions in Ballywalter and Ballyhalbert were a great success and good to be back arranging exhibitions which help raise awareness of the group. In April Mark Scott gave an excellent presentation on his book "the Great War"

We received a running cost grant from Ards & North Down Borough Council which allows us to pay for venue hire, storage facilities and insurance for the group and all the paperwork pertaining to the claim had been submitted via email.

Nicky reiterated that every member has a role to play within the group and thanked them for their dedication throughout the year. He also thanked the secretary, treasurer, and vice chair for their duties as office bearers.

Nicky Gilmore

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Name: SANDRA HENDERSON

Relevant professional qualification or body: COUNTY DOWN RURAL COMMUNITY NETWORK

Address: 43/45 FLANCES STREET
NEWTOWARDS
BT23 7DX

Date: 1/2/23.